Missing of gold bars from Palam Airport, New Delhi

*105.SHRIAMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 25 kg. gold bars belonging to State Bank of India which were booked on I.C. flight No. 658 on May 7, 2004 from Mumbai Airport were found missing from the Palam Airport, New Delhi after the parcel was off-loaded alongwith other parcels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said gold bars have been traced; and

(d) if not, what action Government have taken against the concerned officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) SBI Overseas Branch, Mumbai had booked two parcels for Delhi weighing 51 kgs. containing gold bars under Consignment Note No. 39527493. The parcels were consigned to M/s. Group 4 Securitas, Cash Services, Delhi, The parcels were sent from Mumbai to Delhi by flight IC-658 of 7th May, 2004. One of the parcels weighing 25.4 kgs. was found missing at IGI Airport, New Delhi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) FIR in the matter has been lodged with police. Indian Airlines also conducted a preliminary enquiry in the matter and based on its report two staff were placed under suspension. Further departmental proceedings are under process.

Review of National Water Policy

*106.SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to comprehensively review the project of inter-linking of rivers in its totality;